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1. POST HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED DECEMBER 3-8 TRADE
MISSION TO JAKARTA.

2. SUBJECTS OF GRETEST INTEREST HERE, IN ORDER OF
PREFERENCE, ARE COAL, TIN, NICKEL, COOPER, AND BAUXITE.
ASSUME TEAM WILL NOT DISCUSS OIL OR ANATURAL GAS.

3. GOI ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENT OF STEAM COAL
DEPOSITS WHICH LIE PRINCIPALLY ALONGSIDE RIVERBEDS AND
ARE PARTIALLY UNDER WATER. MAJOR COAL AREA IS BUKIT ASAM
MINE IN SUMATRA WHICH INVOLVES HIGHLY VOLATILE COAL OF
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HIGH WATER AND SULPHUR CONTENT. ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS OF
STEAM COAL ALSO IN EAST KALIMANTAN. GOI OFFICIALS
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ON THE BEST
METHODS OF EXPLORATION, EXTRACTION AND PRODUCTION OF
STEAM COAL DEPOSITS.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ONE LECTURE BE DEVOTED TO AN

EXPLANATION OF CURRENT CRITERIAL USED BY MAJOR FIRMS AND/OR GOVERNMENTS TO DETERMINEWHETHER OR NOT TO GO AHEAD ON LARGE SCALE MINERALS PROJECTS IN VIEW OF DEPRESSED MARKET PRICES, UNCERTAIN FUTURE MINERALS MARKET, AND VERY HIGH COST OF NEW MINING OPERATIONE. INDONESIA HAS MANY MINERAL DEPOSITS OF SECONDARY QUALITY WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO EXPLOIT.

5. INLAND TRAVEL CAN BE ARRANGED IF TEAM WILLIN TO USE MINIMUM OF THREE DAYS. SUGGESTED AREAS WOULD BE P.T. NEKA TAMBANG MINE IN SOTHWEST SULAWESI AND INCO NICKEL MIE ALSO INSOUTH SULAWESI; COAL MINES AT BUKIT ASAM OR IN EAST KALIMANTAN(WHERE EXPLORATION TILL GOING ON);. GOLD MINES IN SOUTH KALIMANTAN; OR TIN MINES ON ILSLANDS ALONG EASTERN SHORE OF SUMATRA. FREEPORT COPPER MINE IN IRIAN JAYA MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE BECAUSE REQUISITE TRAVEL TIME WOULD EXCEED PROJECTED THREE-DAY SPAN.
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